

**A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ESTIMATING
INK USAGE OF A PRINT JOB**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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The present invention includes an embodiment for estimating ink usage of a print job, comprising connecting a computer peripheral device to a host computer having predefined information relating to the peripheral device and offering pricing and estimation of ink and image consumables to complete the print job, before the print job is performed. The present invention also includes an embodiment as an ink usage monitoring system for estimating ink usage of a print job, comprising a computer peripheral device for performing the print job and a host computer connected to the computer peripheral device and having predefined information relating to the peripheral device.

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